

United States Embassy, Dhaka, Bangladesh
Security Message for U.S. Citizens
Public Celebrations on Bengali New Year

(April 11, 2017)

New Year celebrations on April 14, 2017 may disrupt movement in Dhaka and other parts of Bangladesh. The Government of Bangladesh has issued a prohibition on celebrations after 5 p.m., more than one person riding on a motorcycle, and carrying backpacks. The Department of State's Bangladesh Travel Warning of January 5, 2017 is still in effect and the terrorist threat remains credible. There is an ongoing potential for extremist violence in Bangladesh. U.S. citizens are encouraged to review the [Bangladesh Travel Warning](#). Be aware of immediate surroundings and avoid large crowds or crowded places, especially where Westerners are known to frequent.

For further information:

- See the [State Department's travel website](#) for the [Worldwide Caution](#), [Travel Warnings](#), Travel Alerts, and [Country Specific Information](#).
- Enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Contact the [U.S. Embassy in Dhaka](#), Bangladesh, located at Madani Avenue, Baridhara, Dhaka, Bangladesh 1212, at (88) (02) 5566-2000, *8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.* Sunday through Thursday. Weekends and After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is *(88) (02) 5566-2000 and press "0"* and ask for the duty officer.
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